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Excise Police Cite Tobacco Store, Seize More than 8,000 Cigarettes

TELL CITY, Ind. (Nov. 22) – The Indiana State Excise Police cited a Tell City tobacco store for multiple violations Sunday afternoon, seizing more than 8,000 illegal cigarettes.

JC's Cigarette Outlet, 1101 E. 12th Street, Tell City, was cited for sale of cigarettes without tax stamps, sale of cigarettes without health warnings, sale of contraband cigarettes (unapproved brands) and a fire-safe cigarettes violation.

As a result, excise police officers seized 8,318 cigarettes, all of which were untaxed. Additionally, 1,400 of these cigarettes were also contraband brands; 5,898 of them had no health warning labels; and others were without the fire-safe cigarettes label.

During their investigation, officers learned that JC's Cigarette Outlet was using a Red Hot roll-your-own cigarette machine. Cartons of cigarettes made using this machine were sold for \$20.00. These cartons did not contain the required health warnings, nor had tobacco taxes been paid on these cigarettes. Officers also found a large number of Kentucky tax stamped cigarettes in addition to contraband cigarettes (not approved for sale in Indiana).

JC's Cigarette Outlet was previously cited on September 21, 2009, for allowing a juvenile to enter a tobacco store and sale of single cigarettes. They paid \$350 for those violations.

Indiana State Excise Police officers are the enforcement arm of the Indiana Alcohol and Tobacco Commission. While excise police officers enforce all state laws, they focus primarily on alcohol, tobacco and related violations.

